# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO PUNJAB FOR REPAIR OF CANALS AND PONDS
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have provided financial assistance to Punjab for repair of canals and ponds; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided during the last three years, year-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The Government of India launched a programme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water bodies directly linked to Agriculture during 2004-05. Proposals for availing assistance under the programme is required to be sent by the State Government. However, no funds under this scheme has been released to Punjab since inception of programme.

Under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, the Grant released to the Government of Punjab during last three years is as under:-

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project and Programme of financial assistance | Grant Released |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Irrigation to H.P. below Talwara (Normal AIBP) | Rs.6.0966 crore |
| 2 | Remodelling of UBDC (Fast Track Programme of AIBP) | Rs.6.0000 crore |
| 3 | Extension of Kandi Canal Stage II (RD 59.50 km to 130 km) (Fast Track Programme of AIBP) | Rs.14.22 crore |
| | Total : | Rs.26.3166 crore |